

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Chinaman Acquitted by Jury in Opium Case

State Fails to Get Conviction of Yee Hung, Alleged Law Breaker

Yee Hung, wily Chinese, who testified that he was a farmer and not a habitue of an opium joint was acquitted by a jury Wednesday in Judge Small's court despite the fact that the State Board of Pharmacy, through its attorney Rolfe L. Thompson, tried hard to get a conviction on the charge that said Yee Hung had opium in his possession on the 10th day of December.

Considerable interest was attached to the case because of the prominent men who were subject to examination for jurors and their points of views gleaned from their examination by attorneys on both sides were eagerly listened to.

Chas. McDevitt, under examination, declared that he would not be in favor of conviction unless the "chink" actually trafficked in the drug. McDevitt was passed by the State. James Modini had heard about the case from Constable Murray. He was excused by consent. L. Breitenbach when questioned concerning his knowledge of the case declared all he knew had been gleaned from what he had read in the Index-Tribune. He stated that the State would have to prove that the preparation in evidence contained five grains of morphine to the ounce as alleged before he would vote to convict.

Gus Seipp said all he knew of the case was what he had read in the Index.

W. H. Hanger declared he would convict if the evidence warranted it.

A. Boretta only knew of the case what he had read in the Press Democrat. All witnesses were questioned as to whether the Chinese custom of smoking opium would make them loath to convict if it were proven that the State law against the drug had been broken.

Thos. Brown was of the opinion that he could be a fair and impartial juror. He was passed by both sides as were also Messrs. V. Bulotti, Casson, Lewis, Lowell, Whitmore, Bese and Pinder. Preliminary challenges were exercised in the cases of L. Breitenbach and C. McDevitt by the prosecuting attorney R. E. Perkins and Geo. Breitenbach were next examined and Perkins was excused by the defense. The jurors serving were: C. F. Casson (foreman) Sam B. Lewis Gus Seipp, W. H. Hanger, A. Boretta, Thos. Brown, V. Bulotti, Geo. R. Lowell, C. A. Whitmore, F. D. Bese, B. F. Pinder and Geo. Breitenbach.

In his opening statement Attorney Rolfe Thompson declared

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TO PETITION FOR WATER VALUATION

City Attorney Instructed to Forward Proper Request to Railroad Commission.

Other City Matters

At a special meeting Tuesday night the City Council instructed City Attorney Cowgill to prepare the formal request for the valuation to be set upon the local water system and to forward it to the Railroad Commission, who will in turn put their experts to work on ascertaining the value thereof and report their findings to the City.

A communication was received from the beautification committee at Berkeley stating that the plans for the plaza were in readiness and would be sent up here on request. Sewer farm matters, including an alleged infringement on the Cameron patent were discussed at some length, but no decision relative to the City's position in the matter was arrived at. Other towns having sewer farms are in trouble over the same alleged infringement.

Two hundred gum trees were ordered planted on the farm to absorb moisture and otherwise improve conditions.

The matter of making the City Attorney's job more remunerative was informally discussed but meanwhile the pound man draws more pay than the City's legal talent and dog catching is more remunerative than jurisprudence.

St. Barbara's Guild will meet at Mrs. Adam Adlers Tuesday, Jan. 4th, at 2:30 p. m.

WEINSTECK MAY COME TO SONOMA

Market Commissioner to be Invited by Poultry People to Speak on Scope of New Work

Market Commissioner Weinstein who has begun an active campaign for the cooperation of California's farmers and producers with the state commission intended to better marketing conditions, will be asked to visit Sonoma Valley by the Egg Association and to address our farmers and poultry men.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Casson are active in trying to secure the noted speaker.

Mr. Weinstein has been in the East investigating the discrepancy between the prices paid there for California dried fruit and the prices received by the growers in this state.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. W. Scoresby Routledge of London England, who have been making a three years cruise around the world on their yacht "Mara" were entertained last week by Mrs. Lulu Vallejo Emparan. They came to Sonoma upon the advice of Curator Barron of Golden Gate park.

On Thursday the Ladies Aid of the M.E. church will be entertained by Mesdames Waltz and Scott at the parsonage. The much esteemed ladies are hoping for a good attendance so do not disappoint them.

ENTERTAIN AT XMAS PARTY

"Crescent Acres" The Scene of a Reunion of Old Friends

"Crescent Acres," the home of Mrs. S. J. Erasmus was the scene of one of the most delightful holiday house parties of the season.

It was participated in by the Erasmus family and six guests from Berkeley and San Francisco whose old friendship and congeniality made their stay during Christmas week one long to be remembered, among them two girlhood friends of Mrs. Erasmus—Mrs. L. M. Wayland and Mrs. Falconer. They had been chums in the East and the reminiscence of old times and the recalling of other holidays made the visit most intimate and enjoyable. The Erasmus home which is ideally suited for entertaining had been artistically decorated with the loveliest of Xmas decorations, smilax and pepper festooning the lights, with graceful bells and red ribbon streamers to add warmth and color to the rooms resplendent with the fragrance of Christmas boughs and a cheery hearth.

The Christmas dinner was enjoyed most heartily and His Majesty, the turkey, which came from the Chas. Potter place, was highly complimented. A honored place at the table was given the fine old glasses which had been used at the wedding of Mrs. Erasmus' mother sixty years ago and from which the guests drank hearty toasts to the health and prosperity of present and absent ones.

Mr. Clark Wayland, one of the guests and talented musician, contributed much enjoyable music to the after dinner festivities. Mrs. Erasmus' guests remained until Sunday and were delighted not only with the splendid entertainment accorded them but with the climate and beauties of our Valley.

Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Falconer of San Francisco, Mrs. L. M. Wayland, Miss Geraldine Wayland, Clark Wayland and Miss Margaret McCaffery.

NAVY BOYS HERE CHRISTMAS

Ralph Buchan, Benj. Glick and Wm. Schultz all of the U. S. Navy where they are serving as hospital apprentices came up Saturday night from Mare Island to the Buchan home where they enjoyed a fine treat in the way of a real home Christmas. Mrs. Buchan treated the guests of her son like her own family and they enjoyed the fine dinner and pleasant hours around the big fire place more than words could express. They returned to their station Sunday morning.

Ralph Buchan was up again Wednesday evening to announce his departure on the Flagship San Diego which left for Mexican waters yesterday. He was accompanied by Robert Bergen who also went on the cruise south. The boys are proud of the assignment to the big battleship. Another Sonoma boy, an Annapolis graduate who is on the San Diego is Ensign W. J. Shofner. Altogether nine hundred men are aboard.

SEBASTIANI SHIPS WINE TO NEW YORK

Sonoma Vintage Eagerly Sought by Eastern Buyers

Sam Sebastiani has shipped 1296 barrels of wine to New York since November 30th. and since the receipt of the first shipment there has been an eager demand from the Eastern wholesalers to get all the wine with which Mr. Sebastiani can supply them. The shortage of the crop in Europe and the fact that New York is now conceded to be the biggest city in the world has opened up a wide field for California wines. The industry is very promising and Mr. Sebastiani says he could have sold twice as much again if he had made more this season.

CELEBRATE THEIR SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Dowdall celebrated their twenty fifth wedding anniversary and their Christmas all in one by having a fine large dinner party to which the immediate family and intimate friends to the number of thirty five were invited Christmas day.

The esteemed couple were the recipients of many beautiful pieces of silver and also a gift of a fine piano player, the latter a present from their children.

Those who gathered around the festive board enjoyed a most bounteous feast and health, wealth and prosperity were wished Mr. and Mrs. Dowdall by all those present.

The stork left a holiday present at the F. Steck home Wednesday, a fine baby boy.

DEATH TAKES HENRY RUBKE

Respected Pioneer Passes Away Thursday After a Long and Useful Life.

Henry Rubke, one of Sonoma Valley's most substantial and highly respected residents passed away at his fine farm south of town Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Rubke suffered the loss of several fingers in an accident some weeks ago and then contracted a severe cold. With surprising grit he tried to keep up, but the shock of the accident and general debility brought on a severe bronchial trouble and this coupled with heart complications caused his death.

Deceased was born in Germany and would have been seventy four years of age in March. He and his wife have resided continuously in Sonoma Valley for 35 years where they raised a family of nine children all of whom are home to mourn the passing of their respected parent. Mr. Rubke served as a High School trustee and was also a director of the First National Bank. In the upbuilding of our valley he was ever deeply interested and in matters educational and financial his support and cooperation were always sought. His death will leave a void in the community hard to fill, and in the home over which he has presided with kindly dignity he will be greatly mourned both by his good wife and family.

The children are: Mrs. Martha Whitlatch of Point Reyes, Mrs. Alice Picetti, Florence Rubke and six sons Adolph, Henry, William, Alfred, Ernest and Grover. The funeral will be held Sunday at 2 P. M. from the residence.

Mrs. F. Nelson has been seriously ill and under the care of Dr. I. Gobar.

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Summary of the News Gatherer

Tom Monahan has been down to San Francisco on business.

Wm Ashe was up to his ranch for the holidays.

Rev. Mr. Holt went down to San Francisco Tuesday.

Miss Millie Richards was a visitor to the metropolis Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Weed were holiday visitors at Rhine Farm.

The Misses Caminata were up from San Francisco for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stofen came up from their city home to spend Christmas here.

Miss Mary Boccoli spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Boccoli.

Robt. P. Hill returned to Eldridge Tuesday from a short visit to San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Felici Rovai returned from their honeymoon Sunday evening.

Mrs. Thierkoff and attractive little daughter returned to their Glen Ellen home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Campbell and children spent Xmas with the Leichter family in San Francisco.

Will White, station agent at Petaluma, was a holiday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lewis.

Mrs. A. Hope joined the family at a delightful Christmas gathering at the Davis apartments in San Francisco.

The Appleton family were entertained most delightfully by the Will Appletons in Berkeley for the Christmas holiday.

Mrs. A. Fisk (nee Buchan) of San Francisco, is spending a month with her mother at her pretty home on First Street East.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindley entertained Mr. Lindley's father, brother and his wife over the last week end.

Jack Burke, for many years an employee on the Tomasi place, was taken to the County Hospital this week suffering from partial paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. Nason (nee Rebecca Donahue) came up from Oakland Friday night to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. P. Hill.

Mrs. A. D. Lowell numbered among her Christmas remembrances some magnificent apples from Washington, the home of her daughter Mabel, Mrs. Paine.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Roberts and family of Sunnyvale and Mr. and Mrs. Pommeroy of Santa Rosa dined with their folks the Hunter-Hanger families Christmas day.

Mrs. Yenni and son motored to Santa Rosa one day this week.

Mrs. Stover of Petaluma has been a guest of the A. Pinellis.

Mrs. Wm. Ives spent the holiday here with her folks.

Theo. Gander, the well-known harness maker, has rented the building formerly occupied by Kinsella and will conduct his business there.

A pleasant family reunion took place at the Bill home Christmas when Mr. and Mrs. Chambers and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bill, Jr., joined the family at a fine dinner.

Mrs. N. J. Heggie and her daughter, Miss Gabrielle, visited Berkeley Tuesday. Miss Heggie is to enter the University of California this term and will specialize in French and mathematics.

Mrs. G. H. Hotz received her customary Christmas box this year from her brother and his wife in Reno, Nevada. It consists of a fine turkey all dressed for the oven, home cured ham, plum pudding, nut loaf and in fact a Xmas dinner de luxe in itself.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dresel entertained Mr. Hopps and children of Mill Valley over the holidays and brought a lot of comforting cheer to the husband and children who have recently lost a good wife and mother. Mrs. Hopps was a sister of Arthur Frauenholz and died about two weeks ago.

Mrs. L. Walliser and Alfred Walliser of the Folger Company are preparing for another trip to the Orient and have already engaged passage on one of the big steamers. Mr. Walliser is a tea buyer for his firm in Japan and with his mother occupies a fine residence with servants and private secretary while in the far East.

A big meeting presided over by M. H. DeYoung was held at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco this week to protest the inadequate facility for automobile traffic, particularly over the Northwestern ferries, and to ask for a rate that will make big cars pay more than small ones for being ferried across.

President Palmer has agreed to start a ferry service between Sausalito and San Francisco for autos exclusively, beginning March first.

PICETTI TO ENGAGE IN REAL ESTATE

John Picetti, the enterprising business man, has decided that Sonoma has a big future in realty and will therefore open up a fine up to date real estate office in the Masonic block. Mr. Picetti's energetic and up-to-date style of doing business should make him a big success and those listing their property with him are sure to get results. Mr. Picetti's attention to this particular line of business will be a boost for Sonoma Valley and we wish him every success.

The new office is to be artistically furnished in old hickory and will contain some choice Sonoma Valley products as an exhibit.

**CHRISTMAS TREE
AT TRINITY CHURCH**

Monday night the children of Trinity Church held their Christmas tree and gift giving and good wishes were intermingled with a fine program.

The exercises opened with a chorus by the Boys' Class, comprising Wesley Trudgen, Ellis Simmons, Harry Burnester, Percy Glaister, Harry, Louis and Douglas Foster. Then followed a song prayer by the Primary Class—Katherine Foster, Claire Glaister, Martha Price, Harold Glaister, Kenneth Price; recitation, Harold Glaister; recitative poem, Ellis Simmons, Wesley Trudgen, Harry Burnester, Percy Glaister and Louie Foster; song by the Primary Class; hymn; recitation, Kenneth Price.

James Ruffner the retired veteran Sonoma merchant, now 96 years of age has had many New Years callers the past few days. Mr. Ruffner is as keen and alert on current topics as a young politician and his memory and intellect unusual for one of his age.

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BIDS OPENED FOR CUT-OFF BRIDGE

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The Healy, Tibbitts Construction Company with a bid of \$89,721 was the lowest bidder which amount is less than the State engineers figured it would cost. In addition the State will furnish \$10,367.80 toward items specified in the contract.

The bridge is of the bascule type, that is a structure which raises up in the centre free instead of turning on a middle pier; 148 feet in length with two steel approaches each 80 feet in length, and a crosstie piling trestle 1,122 feet long.

People of Sonoma Valley regard the fine new structure as the connecting link between the present and the future fraught with the greatest possibilities to this section.

**FETTERS SPRINGS
DANCE TONIGHT**

New Years night will be ushered in with a merry dance at Feters Theatre. A fine time is promised for all who attend and a holiday spirit will prevail.

**POPULAR GIRL
HOLIDAY BRIDE**

Miss Lillian E. Riegelhuth the attractive twenty year old daughter of the Wm. Riegelhuths who formerly resided on the Napa road near here, is the holiday bride of Hubert E. Wright of San Francisco.

Sonoma Valley friends of the bride's family extend hearty congratulations.

Rav Poppe, popular drug clerk of Los Banos, was in town this week.

**Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA**

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SAD DEATH ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Florence Shackleton, the fourteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shackleton, residing south of town, passed away after a lingering illness on Christmas day. The young lady had been a patient sufferer and her parents did everything within their power to restore her health but without avail.

Her passing away at Christmas time was particularly sad and the family has the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

The funeral took place Monday and interment was in the peaceful Catholic Cemetery.

**PRICE OFFER
ON GRAPES**

The California Wine Association writes as follows to the representative at Santa Rosa in regard to the tonnage price to be allowed grape growers whose grapes the association crushed this season.

Dear Sir:—We have had a number of requests lately from growers to settle with them at this time on a tonnage basis for grapes delivered to us during the past season.

Even though the war revenue act is continued in effect for 1916, the situation at Washington indicates that favorable consideration will be given the wine industry when the general revision of internal revenue laws is taken up after the first of the year.

We therefore authorize you to advise such growers, whose grapes we crushed for the gallonage over 120 gallons, that if they are inclined to settle at this time on a basis of \$16 per ton for Zinfandels and other similar varieties of red grapes delivered and \$13 per ton for Burger and other similar varieties of white grapes delivered, plus a bonus of \$2 per ton for Petit Syrahs, Semillon and other better varieties, that you will exchange for their contracts and aggregate receipts, a credit memorandum for payments at these prices, one-half upon receipt of request, immediately after January 1, and one-half at some date during the spring months prior to May 1.

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D. Guffanti of Kenwood and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clerici of Cracott were guests at the Clerici home Xmas.

Dr. Arburua passed through town Saturday en route to Los Banos for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fochetti were guests of San Francisco relatives for Christmas.

Misses Sylvia and Amelia Caminata, who are trained nurses in Oakland, came home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Legalliet of San Francisco came up Saturday to visit the Froments.

Moving pictures at El Verano Villa Theatre will be shown Friday night instead of Wednesday as here to fore.

Mrs. Wm. Rambo will entertain Queen Esther Circle on Wednesday.

The concert given by the Appolos Club at Union Hall Tuesday evening was a rare musical treat.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

"ALLEGRO" CLUB IS ORGANIZED

The Allegro Club is the name of the new social organization which is to be the successor of the "Batchelors" and it promises to be a popular bunch. The original club proved to be so congenial and formulated such elaborate plans for a pleasant social time that our young married men began to insist on belonging with the result that the new club which will admit them has been formed and has already engaged club rooms in the Yenni building. The members are sitting up their music room, a banquet hall, gymnasium and library. They intend to purchase athletic apparatus and may later give a ball to raise money for this purpose.

The club numbers among its members some of our most talented and likeable fellows and they hope to promote a lot of sociability and good fellowship in the community.

Al Jansen is president and E. Coates secretary and treasurer.

HOLIDAY RATES ON NORTHWESTERN

A \$1.50 round trip rate will be effective December 24th to 27th and December 31st to January 3rd inclusive over the Northwestern Pacific for the holidays.

Mrs. J. E. Poppe had a pleasant company of lady friends Thursday to an old fashioned quilting party. After a busy hour she served delicious preserves, hot biscuits and coffee which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

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The falling of a high power wire caused by the destruction of a pole during the wind storm of Wednesday night endangered the lives of passersby in the vicinity of the Archie Gale place and only for the prompt action and caution of Ralph Evans of the California Telephone and Light Company and Chas. Kelly, who hurried to the scene, fatality would have resulted.

While Evans had gone to have the power shut off and Kelly was standing on guard, two well-known young ladies on their way home came directly in the path of the dead dealing wire and but for timely warning would surely have been electrocuted.

Joe Keechler of Lakeville, a brother of R. F. Keechler of this place fell from a seeder on his ranch Thursday and broke his leg.

LAW OF GRAVITY VIOLATED.

Conditions Under Which Water Actually Flows Upward. There are conditions under which water actually flows upward and rises above its source. If a glass tube be dipped into water the column inside will be above the level of the surrounding surface. Moreover, if a tube of half the diameter be substituted the column doubles its height. The water creeps along the inside of the tube, owing to the adhesion, and forms a cup shaped depression at the top.

An explanation is not difficult. It can be proved mathematically that if the diameter of a circle be diminished to that extent, while the area is one-fourth of its former value. The circumference of the column of water being reduced one-half, its contact with the glass, and hence the adhesive force, is also diminished to that extent, while the cross section, and hence the weight, is decreased to a fourth of what it was before. Therefore the second column can be twice the height of the first without exceeding the lifting power.

Remarkable as the underlying principles of this phenomenon undoubtedly are, nature made use of them long before man made their discovery. Every tree and flower adds its testimony. The core of a tree or plant, instead of being a single open channel, consists of a spongelike substance containing many miniature tunnels through which the sap and moisture collected by the roots flow upward in small rivulets, rising higher and higher in sheer defiance of the great law of gravity.—St. Louis Republic.

SEA MINES IN WARFARE.

The Result When a Vessel Strikes One of These Deadly Engines.

To merchantmen, to the smaller and older warships to everything that floats except the very highest and more recent products of the shipbuilder's art—the mine presents the danger of complete and almost instant annihilation. The rigidity of the ship is in itself an element of danger, for the water surrounding it is incompressible. If the skin and frame could give way without rupture and permit the enormously expanding gases (2,000 times the volume of the solid explosive) to transmit their energy in such a way as simply to push the ship aside and thus find a way to the surface, the damage might be slight.

But this cannot be. There is no such elasticity available. And the expansion is so nearly instantaneous that pushing the ship aside is physically impossible. Therefore the structure must break, releasing the gases first into the interior and then by lines of least resistance finally up into the air. This action is completely instantaneous. It blows off hatch covers and deck plates, twists massive steel members into unrecognizable shapes, spreads havoc broadcast. It transmutes a proud ship into a sinking mass of wreckage—a happy passenger saloon into a shambling mass of wreckage—a happy passenger saloon into a shambling mass of wreckage. Such is the effect of mines.—Sidney Graves Koon in Leslie's.

Hard to Kill.

A distinguished entomologist writes: "When I was still new to collecting, in the south of France I discovered one day, to my great joy, a large female of *Saturia pyri* hidden away in some bushes. The specimen was the first I had ever caught, and I decided, on account of its large body, to stuff it (a quite unnecessary operation; I have kept dozens since unstuffed). The moth was first apparently killed by being forced into a cyanide bottle, where it was left about an hour. The abdomen was then emptied and the cavity filled with cotton wool soaked in a saturated solution of mercuric chloride. The insect, pinned and set, was discovered next day attempting to fly away from the setting board."

Action of Single Spoonful Surprises Many

Sonoma people who bought the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-ika, are surprised at the INSTANT effect of a SINGLE SPOONFUL. This remedy is so complete a bowel cleanser that it is used successfully in appendicitis. Adler-ika acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel and one Spoonful relieves almost any case of constipation, sour or gassy stomach. One minute after you take it the gasses rumble and pass out. James McElney, druggist.

VINEBURG

George W. Reed, Sonoma's veteran station agent, visited this vicinity on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Sohl of the metropolis, were the guests of Mr. Sohl's parents on Christmas day.

Ex-Constable Mouyer of El Verano was the guest of Louis Martin at Pleasant Villa on Monday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boll of Alameda spent a merry Christmas as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Trautvetter at Brookside on the Hyde tract.

Mr. and Mrs. August Figone and family, accompanied by Mr. Rielly, all of San Francisco, were week end guests at the John Batto home.

Louis Martin, successor to E. Forini, is making many improvements at the Villa and will soon show that he knows just what the public wants.

Our local merchant, W. R. Hanson, seems to be always smiling and happy so from that we judge business must be good, at least we hope so.

A straight car load of choice alfalfa hay from Nevada arrived at Battos Spur on Tuesday.

Fred Batto, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Louise, visited the metropolis las Wednesday.

On Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McDevitt and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. Andrieux and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Batto. An elaborate dinner was partaken of plates being set for 22. The turkey served at the dinner dressed 30 pounds and was raised by Frank Rhode of the Vineburg Poultry Yards and just 16 months old.

Westward the star of the Empire takes its way and it does not let any old land marks impede its progress. Therefore one of them had to be divided to make way for the new county road along the railroad track. The old house at the crossing of the Napa road and Botto's Spur has been partly torn down, but the original part remains. The house which was built about 50 years ago in Sonoma Valley's early railroad days, 1879-80, was known as Lyons Station and was the terminus of the Sonoma Valley Railroad from Norfolk, now Wingo, to Sonoma. It is now the property of Arthur Batto.

EASY JIM.

Glen Ellen

Mrs. C. J. Poppe and daughter, Roberta, visited Santa Rosa Wednesday.

Miss Mildred Ranker of Glen Ellen entertained a few of her friends at her home Wednesday evening. Music and dancing were the amusements of the evening and delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Amy Poppe of Oakland visited relatives in Sonoma last Sunday.

Mrs. B. Mariani has been quite ill for sometime. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Julius Panerazi of Glen Ellen motored to Santa Rosa Wednesday.

Members of the Congregational Church will be interested to know that business and social meeting will be held for them at the Mayflower Hall the first Tuesday in January. Not only members but all interested in the work of the church are requested to attend.

Don't forget the Watch Party to be given by the Women of Woodcraft New Years Eve. Card games and music will be the amusements of the evening and a good time is promised all who attend.

Mrs. W. L. Gaige was a Santa Rosa visitor Wednesday.

DANCED THE OLD YEAR OUT

The Band Boys gave their New Years Eve ball last night and every one who attended enjoyed a fine time. The Womens club served the supper which was for the benefit of the club house fund.

SHELLVILLE

The Harold Paulis had a pleasant family dinner on Xmas, entertaining Mrs. Pauli's mother from San Francisco.

The "Dick" Watts entertained city relatives over the holiday.

John Lawler of Petaluma was greeting friends here one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hopkes spent Christmas at Suisun the guests of the L. Buzzinis.

Miss Valerie Helberg was home for the holidays.

Mrs. C. Jensen and little daughter of Berkeley have been guests at the Millerick home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Munroe spent Christmas with the Frank McGills and were delightfully entertained.

The Erhardt Steigers attended the silver wedding of the Nick Dowdells last week and report a lovely time.

C. Jessens entertained a party of six for dinner Xmas. They had friends from here and also from Vallejo and San Francisco.

APPLICANTS GET LICENSES

Applicants for liquor licenses were successful in securing their license at a hearing before the supervisors with the exception of P. A. Valensolo of the Toscano Hotel, El Verano which proved to be the Parente place. This place lost its license some time ago for not conducting its business in accordance with the law.

The Moose Social Club presented the Santa Rosa lodge of Moose with two handsome pictures. The Xmas greeting was most welcome and the donors were given a fine time when on their visit to the lodge last Tuesday evening.

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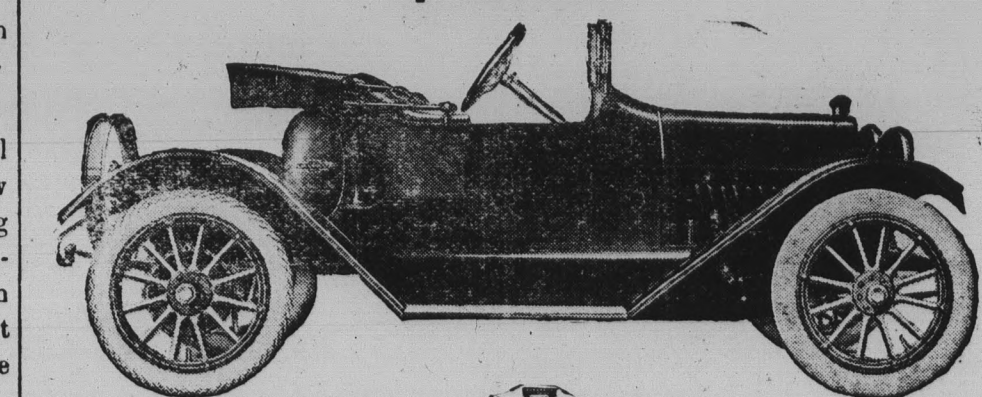
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Order to Show Cause

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT IN AND for the County of Sonoma, State of California.
In the matter of the estate of ARVILLA McHARVEY, Deceased. Order to show cause why sale of real estate should not be made. C. C. P., Sec. 1538.
Robert A. Poppe, the executor of the estate of Arvilla McHarvey, deceased, having filed his petition herein, duly verified, praying for an order of sale of the whole real estate of said decedent, for the purposes therein set forth:
It is therefore ordered by the said Court that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased appear before the said Superior Court on Monday the 24th day of January, 1916, at ten o'clock A. M., at the Courtroom of Department Two of said Court, at the Court House in the City of Santa Rosa, County of Sonoma, State of California to show cause why an order should not be granted to the said executor to sell as much of the real estate of the said deceased as shall be necessary. And that a copy of this order shall be published at least once a week for four consecutive weeks, in the Sonoma Index Tribune, a newspaper printed and published in said Sonoma County.
J. HOS C. LEXSY,
Judge of the Superior Court
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